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Fair and cooler today; tomor-  
row increasing cloudiness; gen-  
tle to moderate northwest  
winds, becoming variable.  
High tide 3:22 a. m. and 3:38  
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## SCOTT ORDERED BACK TO POST

Action Taken After Receipt  
of News of Failure of  
Conference

## REACH NO AGREEMENT

Question Will Now Be Considered  
Through Diplomatic Channels By  
Both Governments

Washington, May 12.—Secretary  
of War Baker today ordered Maj.  
Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of  
the army, to return to his post in  
Washington.

This action was taken after the re-  
ceipt of official information of the  
failure of the Scott-Oregon confer-  
ence at El Paso.

Orders also were sent to General  
Funston to return at his discretion  
to his headquarters at San Antonio.

Secretary Baker confirmed the fact  
that Generals Scott and Oregon had  
closed their conference in disagree-  
ment.

"They tried to reach an agreement  
that could formally be written into  
a contract," Secretary Baker said,  
"but failed. The question will now  
be considered through diplomatic  
channels by the two governments."

When the Cabinet met at 11 o'clock  
today it faced the most critical situa-  
tion since the Mexican trouble be-  
gan. The President and his Cabinet  
will be forced to decide a new Mexi-  
can policy.

There was every indication when  
the Cabinet convened that the Ad-  
ministration would stand firm in its  
determination to keep American  
troops in Mexico until border out-  
lawry is suppressed.

It is believed highly probably that  
Carranza will be given one more op-  
portunity to co-operate with the  
United States in pursuing the border  
bandits. If he persists in his re-  
fusal and continues to press for the  
withdrawal of American troops, the  
Administration will be forced to the  
necessity of considering plans for  
the further conduct of the punitive  
expedition without regard to Car-  
ranza's wishes.

The failure of Gen. Scott and Gen.  
Oregon to agree was due to the  
following causes, among others:  
Oregon wanted to discuss a bor-  
der patrol arrangement, but sought  
first to have the American forces  
withdrawn.

## GRAVE OUTLOOK

Conditions Likely to Exist After Close  
of War in Europe

London, May 12.—"One thing is  
absolutely certain—the war will leave  
all the combatants whether victorious  
or otherwise, financially exhausted.

"It will mean general improve-  
ment of the individual and of the  
state, and that impoverishment must  
immediately produce new social con-  
ditions. That is a grave outlook.

"No one knows whether the con-  
dition of affairs after the war will  
be a real and permanent peace or a  
constant armed anticipation for war.  
It depends on the policy of the states  
of Europe whether they will come to  
realize the hideous curse inherent in  
war, both to the victors and losers.

"There is a third condition. Our  
millions of men will return with a  
new spirit and new view of the world.  
They will be supermen, and they  
must inevitably control the future of  
this country. They will bring back  
self-respect and respect for others.  
Character is another inestimable as-  
set they will bring."

## COMING

Friday, May 19, 1916

The Phi Mu Sigma Players,

M. E. Church, South, in

THE TIME OF HIS LIFE

A side-splitting, three act comedy.

Young People's Building 8 o'clock

Admission ..... 25c

Tickets at Allen's Drug Store

## DEFIES LAW OF GRAVITATION.

Scientists Interested in Invention of  
Italian.

Scientists will be very curious to  
know more about the wonderful ap-  
paratus which an Italian resident at  
Marseilles has invented, and which,  
it is said, not only defies the law of  
gravitation by remaining absolutely  
motionless in the air, but can be nav-  
igated to any point desired without  
the help of any motive power except  
"currents" set up by magnetic forces.  
Even in a wind blowing at 15  
yards a second the apparatus, it is  
claimed, can remain stationary above  
the earth. As such a wind means a  
speed of more than 30 miles an hour,  
and is classed in the Beaufort scale  
as a gale, the inventor would seem  
to have made a most thorough con-  
quest of terrestrial gravitation, and  
left little of the difficult problem of  
aerial navigation for future solution.  
—(Pall Mall Gazette).

## MAY DAY FESTIVITIES

Can Vote Early and Often For Can-  
didates for Queen of Loye  
and Beauty

A great deal of interest is being  
manifested in the contest for the May  
Queen, which begins next Monday.  
Not only from a view point of a  
school contest, but from the fact  
that it will bring before the public  
some of the most popular and fair-  
est daughters of old Alexandria, a  
city always noted for the grace and  
beauty of its women, and chivalry of  
its men.

The contest is expected to be a  
close one, as each friend and relative  
will work for his own candidate, hop-  
ing to see the chosen one crowned  
queen of love and beauty.

In this contest one can vote often  
and early; and in this way net a  
creditable sum to be used in the in-  
terest of our city schools.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

There will be a cake sale tomorrow  
at 626 King street for the benefit of  
the Alexandria High School Corps.

George W. Hepburn, the three year  
old son of Mrs. Ella Hepburn, died  
last night at the Alexandria Hospital.

Mrs. Grace Ale and son Whalen,  
of Spring City, Pa., are the guest of  
her sisters in Queen Street.

Mrs. Ellsworth Nightingale and son  
of Spring City, Pa., were the guest of  
friends in this city.

Funeral services for Frank Riley,  
who died at Staunton, Va., will be  
held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock  
from Wheatley's undertaking estab-  
lishment.

The alarm of fire at 7:30 o'clock  
this morning was caused by a slight  
blaze in a house on the west side of  
Patrick street between Queen and  
Princess.

The Alexandria Odd Fellows who  
have been attending the annual meet-  
ing of the Grand Lodge of Virginia  
held at Lynchburg have returned  
home.

Samuel H. Lunt, auctioneer, will  
offer for sale at noon tomorrow in  
front of the City Hall a lot of ground  
and improvements on the west side  
of North Columbus street, between  
Montgomery and First streets.

Fire at 9:30 o'clock this morning  
completely destroyed a frame house  
on the north side of Franklin street  
west of Royal street. The hall of the  
ela Cunningham and the fortieth an-  
also damaged. The house was unoc-  
cupied.

In the circuit court today in the  
suit of Enoch L. White, against the  
New Washington Brick Co., Noel  
Garner was appointed a special com-  
missioner to state and settle the ac-  
counts of the American Security and  
Trust Co., as trustee for the bond-  
holders.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS  
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

## ASQUITH IS IN IRELAND TODAY

Premier Takes Charge of  
Situation Admittingly  
Serious

## SHOOTING OF EDITOR

Thousands of Messages Protesting  
Against Further Executions of Re-  
bels Leaders

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith  
arriving in Ireland today to take  
charge of a situation admittedly  
growing more serious, immediately  
ordered the postponement of furth-  
er courts-martial, pending the out-  
come of his conference.

The Premier met Gen. Sir John  
Maxwell and several military officers.  
Later in the day he was to confer  
with civil authorities at Dublin.

He urged upon the commander of  
the British forces a speedy inquiry  
into the shooting of Editor Skeffington  
of the Irish Citizen, whose execu-  
tion without trial has aroused in-  
tense indignation throughout Ireland.  
Several thousand messages, protest-  
ing against further executions of  
rebel leaders, reached the prime  
minister's office from various parts of  
Ireland today. Seemingly they were  
forwarded as part of a concerted  
movement of protest.

The letters came from both Ulster  
and Nationalist counties. Many of  
the writers urged the government  
not to scatter the sparks of a new  
revolt by harsh repressive measures  
arousing the sympathy of the whole  
Irish people.

The prime minister, though agree-  
ing with government critics that the  
shooting of Skeffington was appar-  
ently an atrocious act, thoroughly ap-  
proves the execution of the fourteen  
rebel leaders.

## U. S. TROOPS 'DIG IN'

Pershing's Concentration Movement  
is on Full Blast to North.

Columbus, N. M., May 12.—With-  
drawal of the advanced American  
forces from San Antonio, Mexico,  
was in full swing today with motor  
truck trains assisting in the move-  
ment.

Though Colonial Dublin has been  
mentioned as the southernmost point  
of the new line, officials here believed  
the contraction will stop at Nami-  
quipa and rush the completion of de-  
fensive works to meet attack from any  
hostile force. Defensive preparation  
were completed in Columbus, when  
infantrymen put the finishing touches  
on a system of trenches surrounding  
the city and orders for the conduct  
of civilians were issued by the com-  
manders.

Only troops are to occupy the  
trenches in case of an attack, accord-  
ing to the instructions, and civilians  
are to refrain from firing. Civilian  
motor truck drivers were instructed  
to mount their trucks "and remain  
quiet."

Two companies of New Mexico  
militia were expected to arrive today.  
The entire state guard is expected by  
the end of the week.

## GETS NEW HAT BY WIRELESS.

Wife of Diplomat Sends Radio Plea  
When Wind Robs Her.

New York, May 12.—When a hat  
of Senora De Betancourt, wife of the  
Colombian Minister to this country,  
blew off when she was walking the  
deck of the United Fruit liner Almir-  
ante, she immediately resorted to  
the wireless and sent a message to  
her husband to meet her with another  
hat. He went down on a coast  
guard cutter yesterday morning with  
a big hatbox under his arm. The  
Almirante was a noisy ship. She  
brought 130 monkeys, 260 parrots  
and 26 children. They were 87 other  
passengers.

FOR RENT—Six room brick house,  
1416 Duke street, with bath. Re-  
duced rent. Apply to Owner—119 S.  
Royal street.

## POTATO VINE'S RARE YIELD

Amateur Gardener's Wife gets Sur-  
prise and Delight.

Collingswood, N. J., May 12.—The  
amateur gardening of George Foust,  
of No. 106 Virginia avenue, West-  
mont, has produced a wholly unex-  
pected and surprising crop thus early  
in the season. Mr. Foust set out  
potato seed a few weeks ago. George  
Saltford, of his place, was walking  
in the garden Wednesday evening  
when he caught the glitter of gold  
and stopping he exclaimed: "Here's  
your wife's wedding ring!"

In his excitement Salford uprooted  
a whole hill of potatoes. To one of  
the vines clung the golden circlet lost  
by Mrs. Foust four years ago in  
June. Days of earnest search for the  
ring had been fruitless. The ground  
had been dug and worked every sea-  
son since then but it remained for the  
potato vine to raise the ring from its  
hiding place.

## SPRING TOURNAMENT

Will take Place on Grounds of Alex-  
andria Gun Club, Duke Street

Extended

The program for the spring tourna-  
ment of the Alexandria Gun Club to  
take place on May 20th. on the  
grounds of the club on the Willis  
farm, Duke street extended, has just  
been issued. There will be four events  
as follows:

First event: 25 targets, 1st. prize,  
\$3.50 cash; 2nd. prize electric tea  
percolator, 3rd. prize, fountain pen;  
4th. prize, catridge box and belt.

Second event: 50 targets; 1st prize  
silver loving cup; 2nd. prize, 100  
shells; 3rd. prize, \$2.50 cash; 4th.  
prize, gold scarf pin; 5th. prize, Man-  
hattan shirt; 6th. prize, Goodrich  
recoil pad. 7th. prize, box of candy.

Third event: 25 targets; 1st. prize,  
Gillette safety razor; 2nd. prize,  
\$3.50 cash; 3rd. prize, silver maga-  
zine pencil; 4th. prize catridge box  
and belt.

Fourth event: 15 taryets, 1st. prize,  
prize, \$2.50 cash; 2nd. prize, pocket  
knife 3rd. prize, catridge bor and  
belt.

The following are the officers of  
the club:

G. Washington Lewis, president.  
G. B. Willis, vice-president.

D. N. Hulfish, secretary.  
J. S. Douglas, Jr., treasurer.

The above officers with J. R. Caton  
Jr. constitute the board of govern-  
ors.

The official referees are J. A.  
Anderson and J. Sid Douglas and  
the official scorer H. B. Caton.

## SHOOTS SELF IN HOME.

Lad May Have Been Victim of Ac-  
cident.

New Egypt, N. J., May 12.—  
Theodore, Jr., the 17 year old son of  
Theodore Gaskill, well-known farm-  
er near here, shot himself in the  
head in his room Wednesday night  
and died soon after members of the  
family, attracted by the shot, found  
him. No cause for the tragedy, ex-  
cept a nervous breakdown due to  
overstudy at a Philadelphia busi-  
ness school, is known. Others express  
the belief that he may have shot him-  
self accidentally while examining his  
revolver, as he had been much inter-  
ested in marksmanship lately.

## The DEKOVEN QUARTETTE

(Baltimore)

Sara Storm Crommer, Soprano,  
Samuel Eischenback, Tenor,  
Mabel R. Flaharty, Alto,  
Edgar R. Dobson, Baritone.

H. Patterson Hopkins, pianist

Benefit Musical Fund Second  
Presbyterian Church.

Westminster Building.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1916.

8 O'clock.

Tickets, ..... 50 cent.

Reserved Seats at Warfields  
Drug Store.

## DEADLY STRUGGLE BEFORE VERDUN

French Repulse German At-  
tacks at Dead Man's  
Hill Today

## LOSSES APPALLING

Western Slopes of Position Held by  
Defenders Under Heavy Assault  
By Crown Prince

Paris, May 12.—Two heavy Ger-  
man attacks against the western  
slopes of Dead Man's Hill last night  
were repulsed by the French said an  
official statement from the war office  
today.

The German assaults aimed at the  
recapture of positions taken by the  
French on May 10, but were repulsed  
by French curtain fire.

Near the Avocourt wood and in the  
regions of Douaumont and Vaux, east  
of the Meuse, cannonading continued  
throughout the night, but there were  
no infantry attacks.

Berlin, May 12.—Two French at-  
tacks on the Verdun front, one de-  
livered near Dead Man Hill and the  
other southeast of Hill 304 broke  
down with considerable losses under  
the German fire, the War Office an-  
nounces. On the eastern front, heav-  
ier fighting is under way. The Ger-  
mans in one engagement captured  
500 yards of Russian positions, tak-  
ing prisoner 309 unwounded men.  
The statement follows.

"Western front: German aeroplanes  
dropped bombs on Dunkirk and the  
railroads, near Adinkerke.

"On the Verdun front, west of the  
Meuse, the French again made an at-  
tack near Dead Man Hill, in the af-  
ternoon and southeast of Hill 304 in  
the evening. Both attacks broke  
down in the face of our machine gun,  
and artillery fire, with considerable  
losses to the enemy.

"In Camard Forest a Bavarian pa-  
trol captured 54 French soldiers. The  
number of unwounded French sol-  
diers captured since May 4 is  
53 officers and 1515 men.

"On the Verdun front, east of the  
Meuse, there was hand grenade fight-  
ing all night in the vicinity of Cail-  
lette wood. A French attack in the  
wood was repulsed.

## PLANNED BOMB PLOT

Pole Trapped by Austrian Consul  
and U. S. Agent.

Youngstown, Ohio, May 12.—Re-  
venge prompted John Swierz, 25,  
Pole, to plot destruction of the Wil-  
liam Tood Co., munition makers  
but he was prevented from carrying  
out his plan by Charles de Woody,  
Federal agent, and Austro-Hungarian  
Consul Ernest Ludwig, both of Cleve-  
land, who worked as his "accomp-  
lices."

Swierz, held in jail today, charged  
with illegally placing explosives on  
another's property, sought out Lud-  
wig, told him how his sister in Gal-  
icia had been outraged by a Russian  
Cossack and of his plan to dynamite  
the Youngstown factory.

If successful Swierz was to get  
\$25,000. DeWoody, introduced to  
Swierz, as Ludwig's "confidential  
man," helped place the dynamite in  
the Todd plant, having previously tip-  
ped Youngstown police.

## MAKE A SAFETY RECORD.

Chicago, May 12.—All railway sa-  
fety records were broken in 1915, when  
325 American roads went through the  
entire fiscal year to June 30 without  
a single fatality to a passenger in a  
train accident. The roads reporting  
operate 161,948 miles of line. It is  
stated that this record of safe opera-  
tion never has been equaled by the  
railroads of any other country.

All American railroads in 1915, op-  
erating more than 250,000 miles of  
line, reported 196 passengers killed  
in all railway accidents. In compari-  
son, the latest returns for Europe,  
with 197,015 miles, show 700 passen-  
gers thus killed. The decreasing haz-  
ard to trainmen is shown by the fact  
that 285 were employed for one kil-  
ed, the best record set in that respect.

## SOCIALISTS SENT TO PRISON.

Three Guilty of Advising Glasgow  
Munition Workers to Quit.

Edinburg, Scotland, May 12.—  
Three Socialists were sentenced to  
terms of imprisonment under the De-  
fense of the Realm act in the High  
Court here today after pleading  
guilty to advising munition workers  
at Glasgow last March to quit work.

James MacDougall, a member of  
the School Board, and James Max-  
ton, a school teacher, were senten-  
ced to 12 months each. Jack Smith a  
toolmaker, received a sentence of 18  
months.

The Lord Advocate said that ac-  
cording to the information of the  
Crown, Smith had associated with a  
widely known London anarchist,  
Among the papers found on him, ac-  
cording to the evidence, were copies  
of a Dublin newspaper, dated April  
1, which urged the Irish to strike a  
blow at the British Empire.

## PLANS MADONNA DAY

Pupils of St. Mary's Academy Will

Render Interesting Program This  
Evening

Pupils of St. Mary's Academy  
will hold a "Madonna evening" in  
the hall of the Academy tonight at  
7:30 o'clock.

The program will be as follows:  
Piano trio Eula Puckett, Margaret  
Nash and Florence Hooper; "Ave  
Maria," Emma Hubbard and Mary  
Kelly; piano, Pearl Harrington;  
"Trusting in Our Mother," Florence  
Evans; minute, "Al Antico," Virginia  
Richardson; "Ave Maria," Mildred  
Hellmuth; piano, May Brock; "Ave  
Maria," violins, W. Bayne, M. Nash,  
P. Harrington, J. Ramage, F. Fran-  
ciano, E. Hart; "A Legend of Ave  
Maria," Mary Quinn, "Salve Regina,"  
Mary Ewald; piano V. Downey;  
"Sweet Mother, Sweet Mother, Hear,"  
senior class in expression; witch's  
dance, May Brock; "Ave Maria,"  
Janet Rishell; piano, V. Downey;  
violin W. Bayne; "Story of a Faith-  
ful Soul," Virginia Downey; "Hymn,  
to Our Lady," senior boarders; piano  
Thelma Gribbsy; closing remarks,  
Rev. Louis M. Kelly, C. S. C.

## CONGRESSMEN IN FIST FIGHT.

Lehlbach and Nichols Mix Up Over  
"Birth of A Nation."

Washington, May 12.—A fist fight  
between two members of Congress  
over the moving picture "The Birth  
of A Nation" furnished a subject for  
general Congressional gossip yester-  
day. Representative Lehlbach, of New  
Jersey, of the family of vigorous ab-  
olitionists, and Representative Nich-  
ols, of South Carolina, a fiery and  
husky Southern gentleman, were the  
principals in the affair.

Representative Nichols, according  
to the story told, was at dinner in a  
Capitol Hill Hotel, when the New Jer-  
sey Representative entered. The two  
had been friends throughout the pres-  
ent session of Congress. They occupy  
adjoining offices in the House office  
building and, as new members, had  
been together a great deal. When  
Representative Lehlbach entered the  
dining room, the Southerner invited  
him to dine with him.

In the course of the meal Represen-  
tative Lehlbach took occasion to crit-  
icize vigorously the moving picture.  
He commended resolutions recently  
introduced in the House for the sup-  
pression of the film, and spoke at  
length on his abolitionist ancestry.  
The Southerner objected and an al-  
tercation ensued. Representative  
Nichols, who is built on the model of  
Jess Willard and one of the youngest  
members of the House, concluded the  
argument with two well-directed  
blows, a left jab and a right upper-  
cut. Before the New Jersey member  
could recover and return the attack  
waiters and nearby diners interven-  
ed.

The incident closed with Represen-  
tative Lehlbach hurriedly leaving the  
dining room. Mutual apologies were  
exchanged yesterday.  
(Representative Nichols is a fre-  
quent visitor to Alexandria. He de-  
livered the address at the Elks' Mem-  
orial service last December.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON  
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

## MURDERS WOMAN WHO SPURNS HIM

Infatuated Man Subsequent-  
ly Sends Bullet Into  
His Own Brain

## A VIRGINIA TRAGEDY

Bodies of Murderer and His Victim  
Found in Latter's Home—Both  
Leave Families

Norfolk, Va., May 12.—F. C. Beat-  
ty, of Richmond, employed as a tele-  
graph operator at the Chesapeake and  
Ohio Railway station here, shot and  
killed Mrs. Sullivan Frayser Mar-  
ston, wife of Thurston A. Marston,  
here yesterday, and then killed him-  
self.

The double tragedy occurred about  
noon, but the bodies were not found  
until 3 o'clock, when Henry J. Graves,  
another Chesapeake and Ohio tele-  
graph operator, went to Marston's  
home to ascertain why Beatty had not  
reported for work, to relieve him.  
The bodies were lying on the floor of  
the parlor. In an adjoining room, un-  
conscious of the tragedy, the three-  
year-old daughter of the dead woman  
was asleep on a bed.

Mrs. Marston's husband was a tele-  
graph operator here, but now is at  
Catawba Sanatorium. Beatty was  
sent from Richmond to Norfolk to re-  
lieve him and was making his home  
with the Marstons. Mrs. Marston  
had been at the home of her father,  
Commissioner of Revenue W. B. Fray-  
ser, in Henrico county, and had  
come to Norfolk for the day to attend  
to some household duties, bringing her  
child with her. During the morning  
she sent for Dr. H. U. Stephenson,  
to attend the child for some minor  
ailment. Dr. Stephenson says that  
Beatty was there then and appeared  
to be morose.

Details of the occurrences leading  
up to the tragedy are not known, but  
it is said that Beatty had become in-  
fatuated with Mrs. Marston and it  
is presumed that when she rejected  
his advances he decided to kill her  
and himself. Mrs. Marston was shot  
twice, one ball entering the forehead,  
and one going through the heart. The  
shot which killed Beatty was sent  
crushing into the head just back of  
the right ear.

Mrs. Marston leaves two children,  
the youngest nine months old; her  
father, mother, four brothers and  
three sisters.

Beatty leaves a wife and four chil-  
dren, the youngest three weeks of  
age, all of whom are in Norfolk.

Friends of Mrs. Marston say that  
she was absolutely blameless for  
Beatty's infatuation, and that she  
was held in high esteem by all who  
knew her.  
Richmond, May 12.—Mrs. Mar-  
ston was a daughter of W. B. Fray-  
ser, Commissioner of Revenue for the  
lower district of Henrico County,  
who lives on the Osborne Turnpike,  
about three miles east of Richmond.  
The family, while advised of the trag-  
edy late yesterday afternoon had  
heard nothing further from Norfolk,  
early this morning. Two brothers, W.  
A. and Laurence T. Frayser went  
to Norfolk on a late train last night  
and will bring the body to Richmond  
this morning at 5:45 o'clock.

## POPE URGES PEACE.

Prelate Has Requested President to  
Initiate Movement, is Rumor.

Rome, May 12.—Though no infor-  
mation is obtainable from the Vatican  
it is generally reported in Rome that  
Pope Benedict, through Mgr. Bon-  
zano, apostolic delegate to Washing-  
ton, has requested President Wilson  
to initiate a movement for peace.

It is rumored here that France  
alone, of all the belligerents, is not  
now inclined to make peace.

Washington, May 12.—The above  
cablegram, was transmitted through  
Have, and therefore passed through  
the hands of both the Italian and  
French censors.